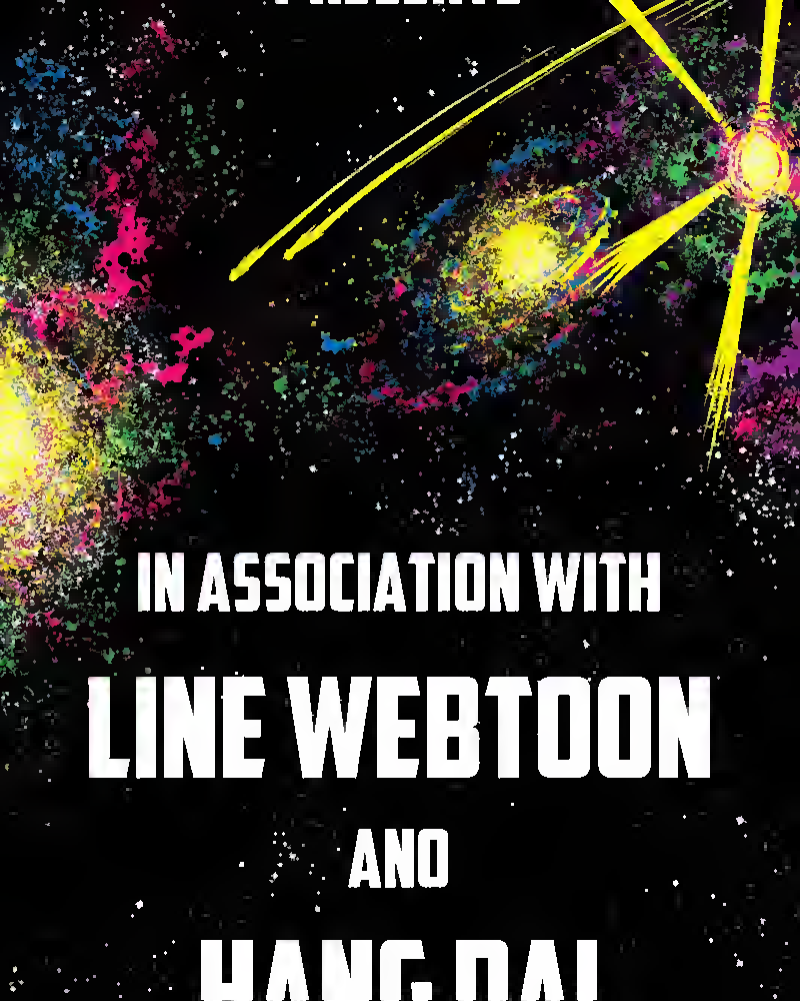
FOR
SETH KUSHNER
YOUR UNFETTERED ENERGY CONTINUES TO AMAZE AND INSPIRE.
YOUR WORDS AND PICTURES LIVE ON...

SETH KUSHNER

AND

SHAMUS BEYALE

PRESENTS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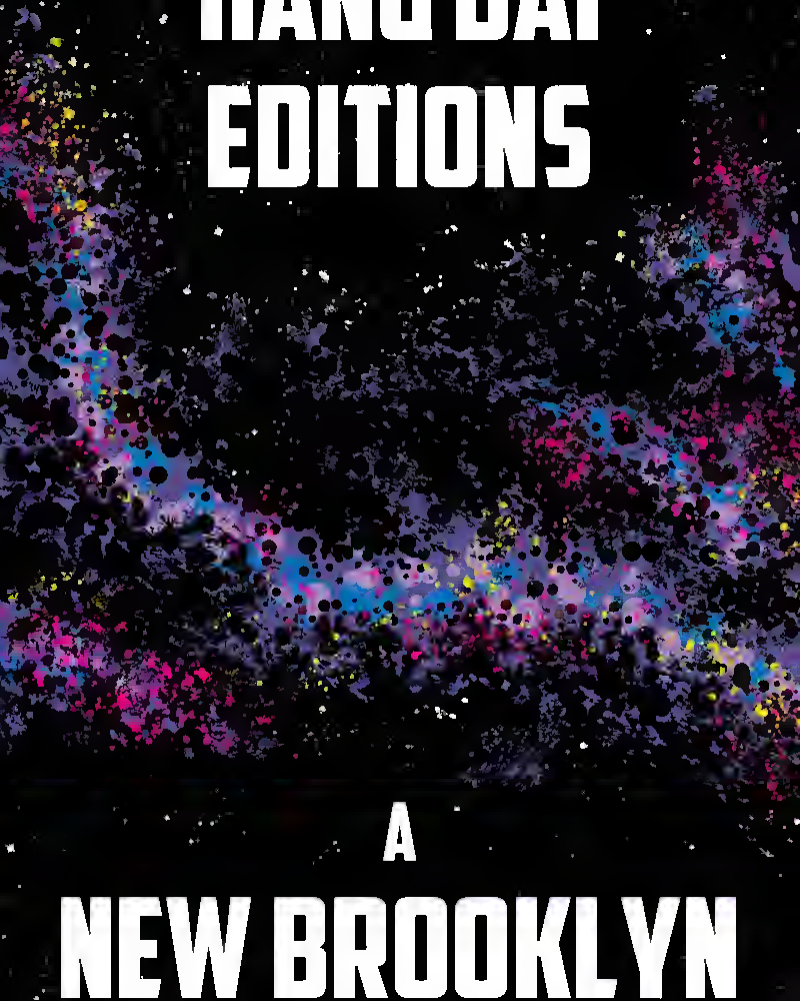
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EDITIONS
A
NEW BROOKLYN

COMIX PRODUCTION

EDITED BY TOM AKEL

BROOKLYN
REFUSE...?
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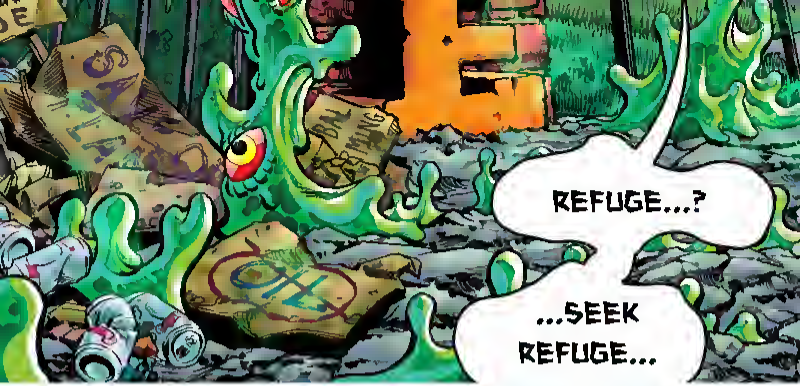
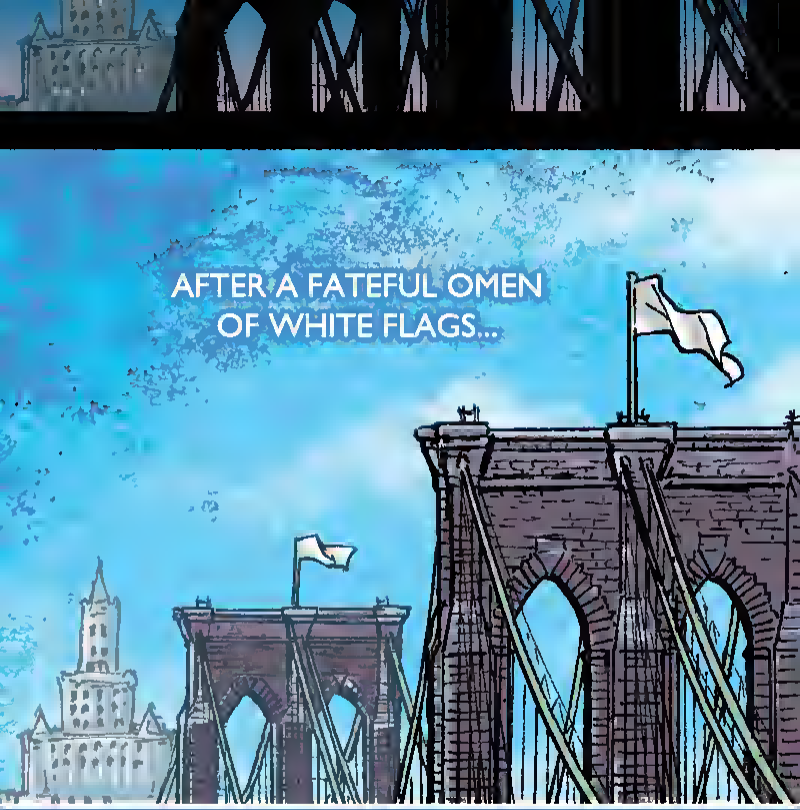


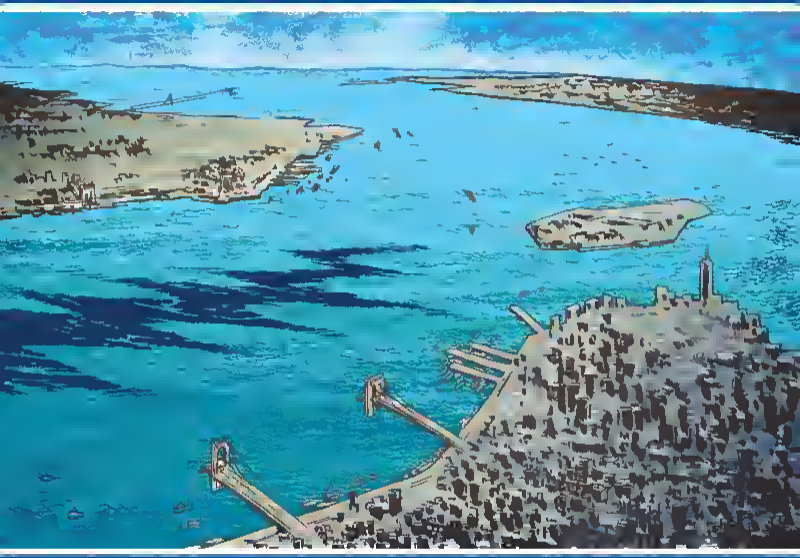
CHAPTER I

INTRO



...BROOKLYN SPLIT OFF
FROM ITS TERRESTRIAL UNION,

DISTANCING ITSELF FROM THE REST OF NEW YORK CITY.



THE GREAT SECESSION WAS THE BOROUGH'S LITERAL BREAKUP WITH THE MODERN WORLD, A SOCIAL AND GEOLOGICAL UPHEAVAL THAT WAS THE IMPETUS FOR NEW BROOKLYN'S

IMPETUS FOR NEW BROOKLYN'S DECLARED SELF SUFFICIENCY.

THEN A SUPERHERO PANDEMIC ENSUED.

WE WERE FORCED BACK TO OUR AGRARIAN ROOTS. SOIL WAS TOILED AND HANDCRAFTED GOODS BECAME CURRENCY.

NU BKLYN
MARKET

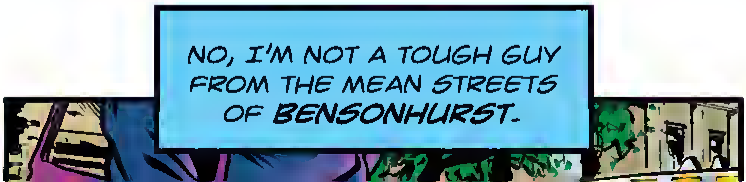
ART WAS REVERED ONCE AGAIN, ITS VALUE ABLE TO CONSTRUE A LIVELIHOOD IN NEW BROOKLYN'S BURGEONING YET UNTESTED ECONOMY.

A YEAR LATER, BEING AN EFFECTUAL CARTOONIST/COMIC BOOK ARTIST/ ILLUSTRATOR/"GRAPHIC NOVELIST" DIDN'T BECOME ANY EASIER.

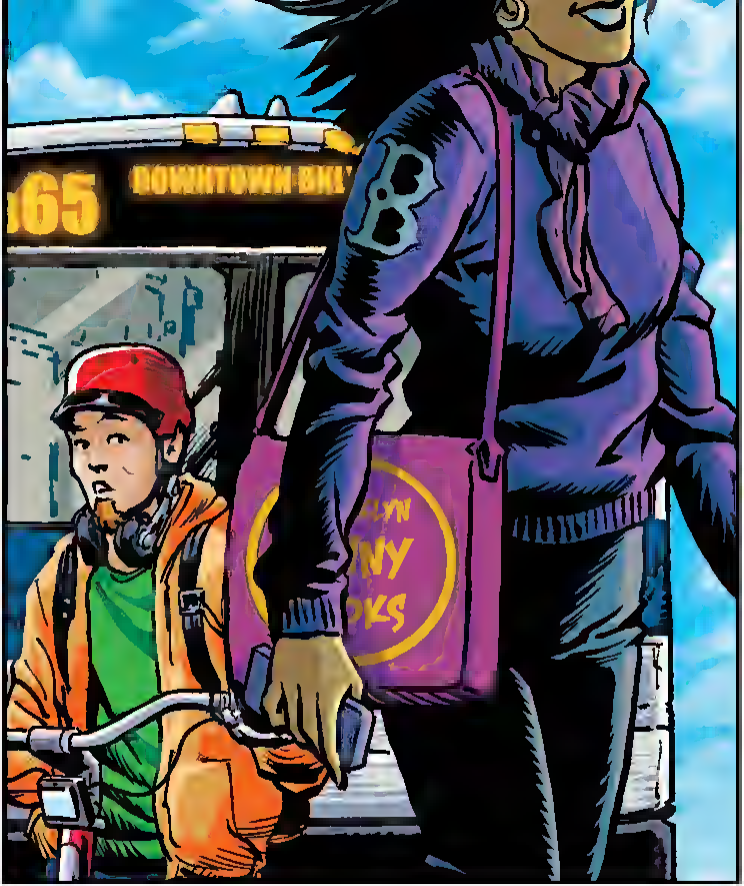
I'M JAKE JEFFRIES.

I'M A NATIVE

BROOKLYNITE.


NO, I'M NOT A TOUGH GUY FROM THE MEAN STREETS OF BENSONHURST.

AND, I DIDN'T GROW UP SAYING "BED-STUY, DO OR DIE."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I'M FROM A PRIVATE HOUSE IN SHEEPSHEAD BAY WITH A LAWN AND WHITE PICKET FENCE.

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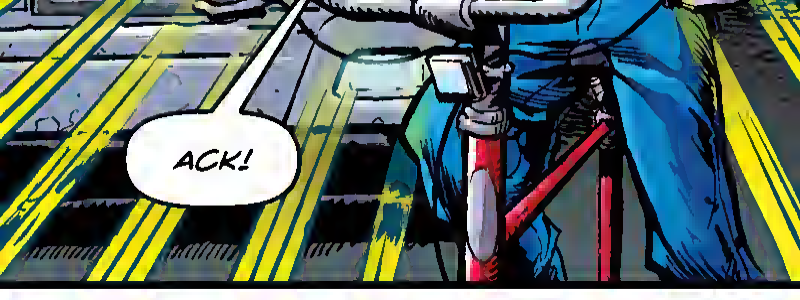

I WAS A SKINNY KID WITH BRACES, SO BETWEEN ATOMIC WEDGIES AND PURPLE NURPLES FROM THE LOCAL BULLY, I TOOK SOLACE IN THE FOUR-COLOR WORLD OF **COMIC BOOK SUPERHEROES.**

FUNNY BOOKS
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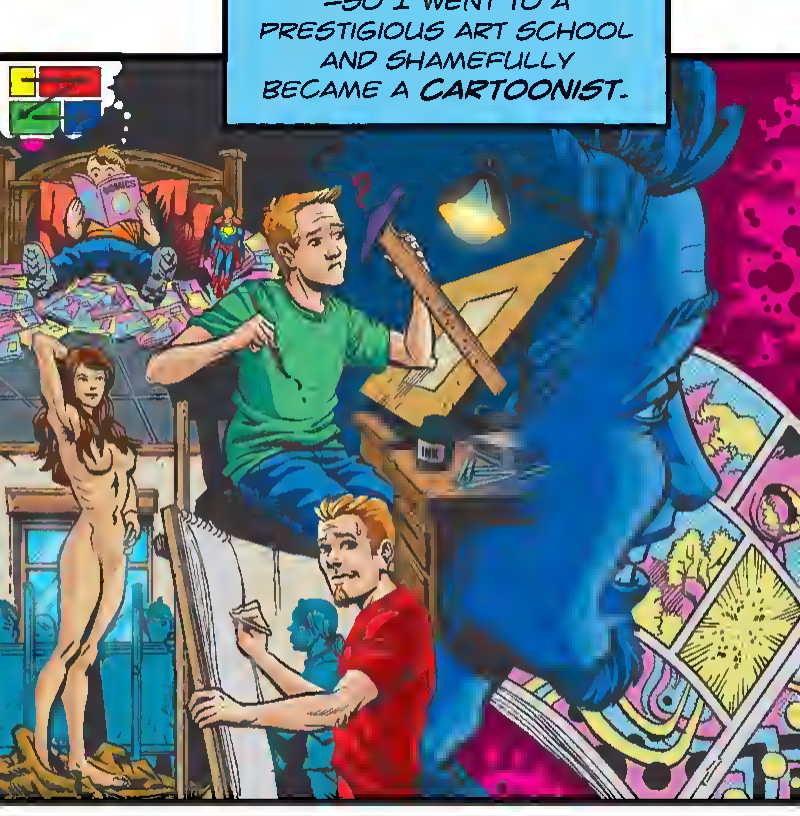
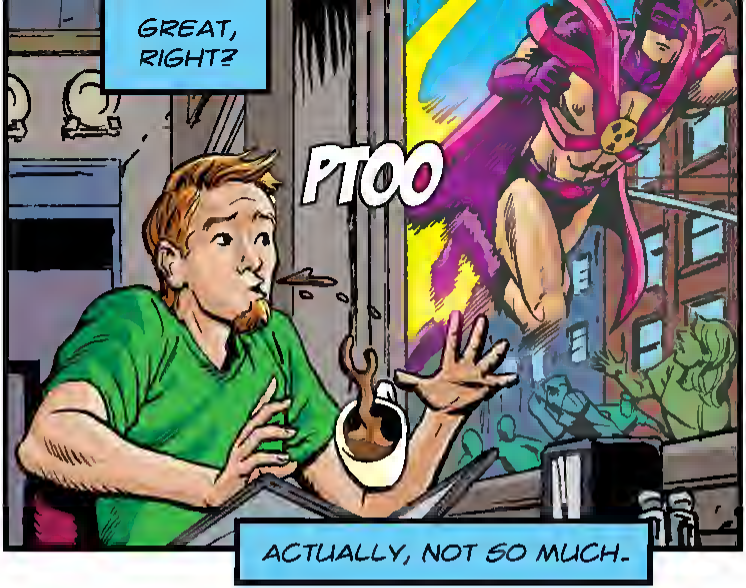
I NEVER OUTGREW MY LOVE OF MEN IN TIGHTS-

REAL LIFE

–THAT MIGHT'VE COME OUT WRONG–


-SO I WENT TO A PRESTIGIOUS ART SCHOOL AND SHAMEFULLY BECAME A CARTOONIST.

LIKE EVERYONE ELSE IN BROOKLYN, I WAS VERY EXCITED A YEAR AGO WHEN **THE GREAT SECESSION** HAPPENED AND SUDDENLY "REAL-LIFE SUPERHEROES" **BURST** ONTO THE SCENE.



IS THAT ALL YOU GOT, **HOME G-URL!**

NOT IRONIC ENOUGH FOR YOU, **BILLY BURG?**

THEY'RE THE WORST THING TO COME TO BROOKLYN SINCE GENTRIFICATION

SINCE CENTRIFICATION.
BWHAM

SURE, THEY STOP THE OCCASIONAL MUGGING, BUT THEY'RE MOSTLY GOOD FOR PETTY SQUABBLES, SEX SCANDALS AND PROPERTY DAMAGE.

WARNING
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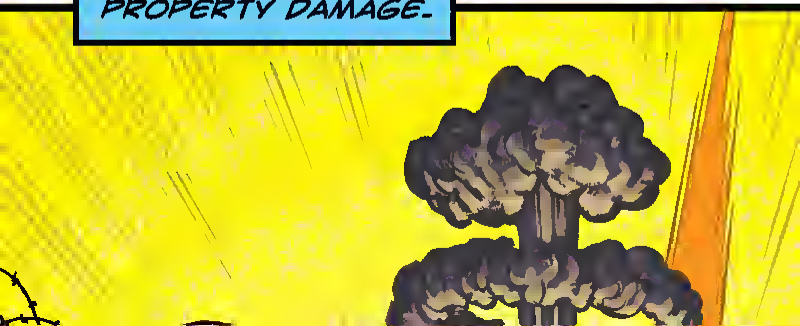
LOTS AND LOTS OF
PROPERTY DAMAGE.



IT USED TO BE THAT **REAL HEROES** WERE...THEY WERE...

...THEY DIDN'T CAUSE AS MUCH

PROPERTY DAMAGE, THAT'S FOR SURE.

THE BROOKLYN SPECTRE
THE SPIRIT OF THE BOROUGH, A SUPERHERO WHOSE SHADOW WRONGDOERS FEAR!!!
FOLLOW THE THRILLING ADVENTURES OF

KINGS COUNTY'S REAL LIFE
CHAMPION OF JUSTICE.
LOCAL NEWSPAPER!

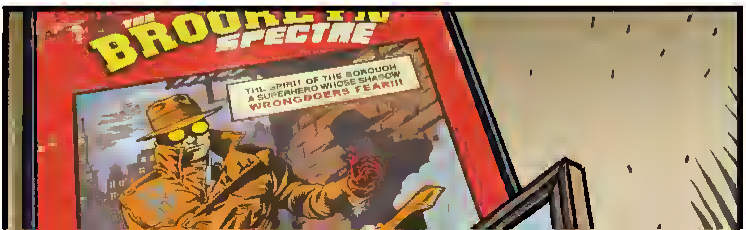
MY DAD AND I WERE FANS OF **THE BROOKLYN SPECTRE,** THE GOLDEN AGE SUPERHERO FROM OUR HOMETOWN.

BROOKLYN SPECTRE

IN YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER!

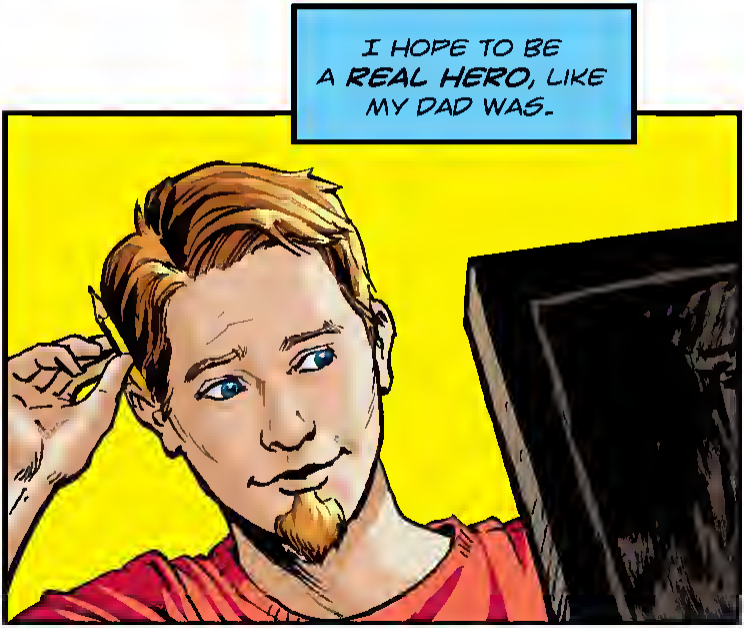
BY THE TIME MY FATHER GOT ON THE **FORCE**, THE BROOKLYN SPECTRE AND OTHER SUPERHEROES WERE **LEGENDS**.

THEY DISAPPEARED AFTER A HARSH PUBLIC BACKLASH AGAINST **VIGILANTISM**.



MY DAD WAS INSPIRED TO BECOME A **POLICE OFFICER** BECAUSE OF THOSE SUPERHEROES.

HE WOULD'VE BEEN **ECSTATIC** ABOUT THE CURRENT REVIVAL.


I HOPE TO BE A REAL HERO, LIKE MY DAD WAS.

I GUESS I'M STUCK JUST **DRAWING** THEM.

TO BE CONTINUED...

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